

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

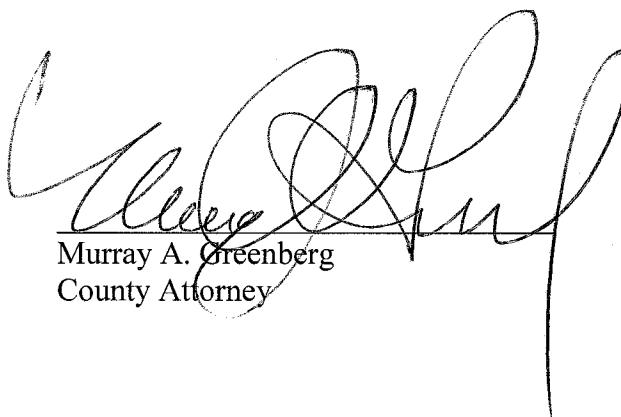
**DATE:** December 5, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Directing  
the County Manager to  
Create a Pilot Program  
For a Children's Institute  
And Parenting Center

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

\_\_\_\_\_ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)  
12-05-06

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO  
UTILIZE THE EXPERTISE OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM  
AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO CREATE A  
PILOT PROGRAM FOR A CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE AND  
PARENTING CENTER

**WHEREAS**, recent incidents reported in the local media have demonstrated that infants and toddlers are being exposed to violence and criminal activities; and

**WHEREAS**, because of their young age and lack of experience, teenage parents often are deprived of positive parenting skills; and

**WHEREAS**, youthful parents often lack positive parenting role models; and

**WHEREAS**, the earlier a child receives intellectual and social stimulation from loving parents, the child is more likely to develop positive self esteem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start / Early Head Start Program administered by the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency is open to children ages newborn through age 5, and provides care and instruction for children in a classroom setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start / Early Head Start Program provides comprehensive child development services for low income children and families in Miami-Dade County in the areas of education and early childhood development, health, nutrition, mental health, disability services, social services, and parental involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Child Development Services, a division of the Department of Human Services, possesses significant knowledge and experience in all areas of child development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to create a Children's Institute and Parenting Center to provide infant, toddler and preschool behavior modification modalities, as well as counseling and parenting skills training for teen parents to promote early intervention and alternatives to violence and physical aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Institute and Parenting Center should serve as a therapeutic respite for parents and children; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of Head Start and Child Development Services should lend their expertise to the development of this program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** The County Manager is directed to utilize the expertise of the Head Start and Child Development Services staff to create a pilot program for a Children's Institute and Parenting Center to provide infant, toddler and preschool behavior modification modalities, as well as counseling and parenting skills training for teen parents to promote early intervention and alternatives to violence and physical aggression.

**Section 2.** The County Manager shall submit a written report to the Board of County Commissioners addressing the design for the pilot program and recommending funding strategies within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman  
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Audrey M. Edmonson  
Sally A. Heyman  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Glenn Saks